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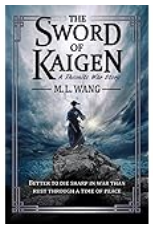

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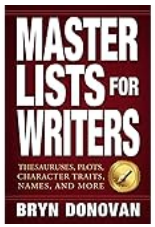

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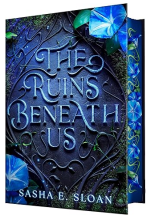

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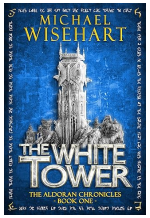

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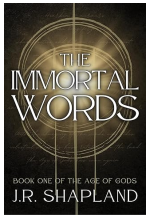

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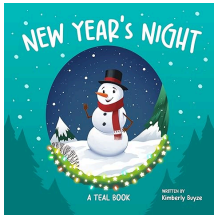

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Reviewed in the United States on December 10, 2025

Format: Paperback

This is a terrible book and that is being kind. Grammatical errors a junior high student wouldn't make and a writing style that would only work on Tumblr. Immature would be the best description

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Kit Clayton

Intriguing world and concept

Reviewed in the United States on July 7, 2025

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Updated review. Original was “Well developed world, plot is intriguing. Kept reading from curiosity of the characters.” It was initially short and to the point as I had to reflect thoroughly past my preferences. First person narrative stories, post apocalyptic dystopian fantasy, and YA are not my favorite, while complex fantasy world building and immersion, an intriguing story line, and immense creativity in literature always catch my interest. I purchased both the Kindle and paperback versions. On with the good, the bad, and the ugly -

The good - Phenomenal world building that is immersive. Creativity in the overall art found in this book (in the paperback edition) is very rare. The premise and construct of the magic, political, and cultural systems are absolutely unique and original. Clearly not a formulaic writing so often prevalent in independent publishing (or formal publishing these days, for that matter).

The bad - the editing. The first manuscript of even the most gifted and established writers requires refinement via editing. While independent authors often choose to be independent to maintain control of

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★☆☆☆☆ **Needs work**

Reviewed in the United States on July 5, 2025

My heart goes out to this author as I know she put a lot of time and effort into this project, but the truth is that this book just isn't up to par. I was disappointed to find that it is incredibly poorly written, with an abundance of run-on sentences, overuse of adjectives and adverbs, and confusing, verbose descriptions, all punctuated with a remarkable amount of semicolons and em dashes. It is also rife with typos, misspellings, and incorrect word usage, which makes it hard to believe it was edited at all. The dialogue is not only extremely repetitive, but also stilted and at times asinine. The magic systems are convoluted, the plot is contrived, and the characters and conflicts are quite juvenile, even for YA. I think the words "emotions" and "absolutely" were used upwards of a hundred times in the less than 400 pages of this book. There's more I could say, but unfortunately I think these surface level issues are detrimental enough that I'm not going to do a deeper dive into what needs to be improved here. No disrespect to the author, but this book wasn't quite ready for publication.

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Katey Lynch

★★☆☆☆ **Beautiful Cover Art**

Reviewed in the United States on December 14, 2025

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Beautiful cover, bought it because of the hype on Tik Tok surrounding the creation of the book. Bought it to support the author too. Tried to start reading the book, got 3 chapters in and had no idea what was going on. I couldn't understand the characters, the narration and the concept of time. I still want to try and read it but if I don't get hooked I lose interest

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Nicole Davis

★★★☆☆ **Her marketing if far better than her writing**

Reviewed in the United States on July 24, 2025

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Kay Herge

★★★★☆ **Genuinely enjoyed**

Reviewed in the United States on July 19, 2025

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I bought the book because of the authors amazing marketing for this books predecessor. I will say I did have a difficult time trying to read it due to her writing style being a bit immature, but I switched to assisted reading and it flowed a lot easier, and the story came to light. I honestly can't wait to see her growth in the rest of the series

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Karebou

World of Gardian

Reviewed in the United States on July 9, 2025

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Kudos to this young author on her first book and her concept of characters possessing magic powers based on their zodiac signs. The world of Gardian is filled with fascinating characters, adventures, struggles and victories. Hope she continues to pursue her writing passion and turns this into a series.

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Misty Mayhem

A Major Disappointment

Reviewed in the United States on July 31, 2025

Format: Paperback

This is a perfect example of how heavy marketing on social media determines a book's popularity at release. Unfortunately, Winters' talent lies in marketing and not in writing. The pre-marketing of this book was awe-inspiring. The book itself…terrible. It reads like kid style fan fiction with multiple inconsistencies in the plot, run-on sentences, fragments, grammatical errors, etc, etc, etc. Honestly, it makes me think it was written by a HS student. Let this be a lesson to readers swayed by pretty TikTok videos. Can't judge a book by its marketing, especially when there are thousands of more deserving reads out there languishing without the "big push"

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